GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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METHOD OF DRAWING SAMPLES OF PETROL AND DIESEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of this fact that Oil Corporation`s officers are not following the method of drawing samples of petrol and HSD prescribed by IS 1447:2000;

(b) whether the IS 1460 and IS 2790 had also recommended to follow the method of sampling prescribed different series of IS 1447;

(c) if so, whether the oil corporations are empowered to change the prescribed method of sampling of petroleum recommended in IS 1447;

(d) whether the Haryana Petroleum Association has submitted any representation on this issue; and

(e) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI PINSHA PATEL)

(a): IS 1447 (Part-1): 2000 specifies the sampling procedure from marine tankers, stationary/ shore tanks, tank trucks and sample containers, labeling etc. for Motor Sprit (MS) and High Speed Diesel (HSD). Requirements of IS 1447 have been mentioned in the MS/HSD Control Order, Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) and the chapter on `Non-aviation Industry Quality Control Manual` issued by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs). However, drawal of MS/HSD samples from retail outlet nozzles is not specifically mentioned in IS 1447 (Part-1):2000.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) The requirements laid down are being followed by OMCs. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has a system of revision of their standards from time to time. Depending upon the requirements and to make sampling procedure more effective, some modifications are done in sampling procedure from time to time. As per clause 6.1 of IS 1447 (Part-I):2000,alternative sampling procedures can be used if the parties involved have reached a mutual agreement.

(d) & (e): Representation from Haryana Petroleum Dealers Association has been received on issues relating to various provisions of MDG 2005,including sampling procedure. OMCs are following the sampling procedure as specified in the guidelines.